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NEW ASTORIA TRANS-COLUMBIA BRIDGE



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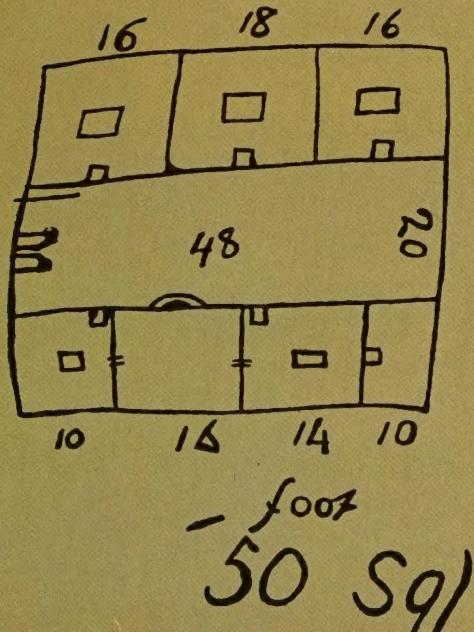
On January 8, 1805, William Clark wrote in his journal; ". . . today I beheld the grandest and most pleasing prospects which my eyes ever surveyed"

. . . He and his fellow explorer, Meriwether Lewis, had just taken note of the majestic view from atop Tillamook Head, located a few miles south from their winter quarters at Fort Clatsop. A host of other spectacular sights were recorded as the Lewis and Clark Expedition traveled through Clatsop Indian Villages from Ni-co-tat (now Seaside) to Se-co-mee-tsinc (Tongue Point).

The land was fertile as it is today. The streams, rivers and ocean yielded an abundance of steelhead, chinook and silver salmon, and the forest provided a plentiful supply of wild game, as they do today. The weather was mild, as it is today.

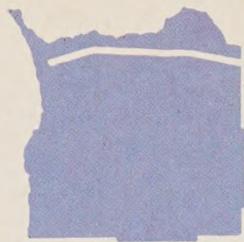
We invite you—today—to explore Oregon's premier resort county by the sea . . . where there's more to *view* and more to *do*.

Clark's ground plan of Fort Clatsop.
From Thwaites, *Original Journals*.



Fort Clatsop, Lewis and Clark's winter headquarters in 1805. Located on the exact site of the original fort, three miles east of U.S. Highway 101 between Astoria and Warrenton.





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Exciting CLATSOP COUNTY



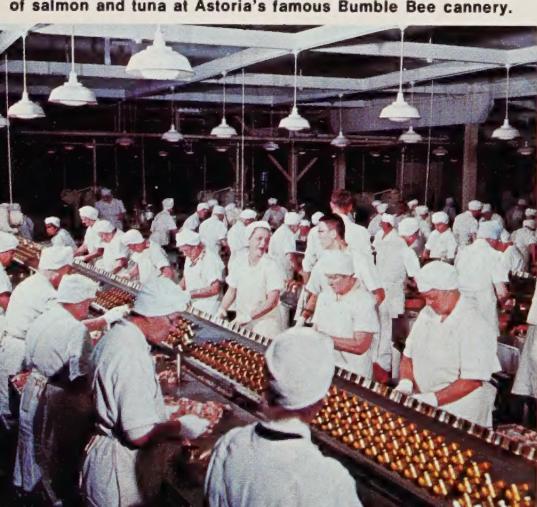
The Columbia River Maritime Museum contains many interesting artifacts dating from the early 1800's.

TRAVEL COLUMBIA RIVER HIGHWAY U.S. 30 FROM WESTPORT TO THE PACIFIC

WESTPORT is located on the Columbia River at the Northeast corner of Clatsop County. Named for a pioneer sawmill operator, John West, Westport is now noted primarily for its excellent nearby fishing waters. The "big ones" are hooked in the famed Wauna Channel off Puget Island.

WAUNA, site of new \$94 million Crown Zellerbach wood fiber manufacturing complex, now under construction.

ASTORIA was the first American city to be settled in the West. John Jacob Astor, owner of the gigantic Pacific Fur Company, and for whom the city of Astoria was named, sent six of his partners from New York around the Horn to the mouth of the Columbia River in September, 1810. They reached their destination on March 22, 1811, and established a fur trading post in what is now the business center of the city of Astoria.



The public is invited to watch the preparation and canning of salmon and tuna at Astoria's famous Bumble Bee cannery.

Fort Astoria in 1811 became the first American outpost west of the Mississippi.



Astoria Column



Their arrival followed that of explorer, Captain Robert Gray in 1792, who discovered and entered the river which now bears the name of his ship, "The Columbia." They were also preceded in the area by Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, who spent the winter of 1805-'06 at Fort Clatsop, near Astoria.

Be sure to visit *The Clatsop County Historical Museum*, located on 8th Street between Duane and Exchange Streets in Astoria. The museum contains an interesting collection of historical artifacts of the area; *Columbia River Maritime Museum*, on 16th and Exchange Streets, depicts Astoria's dependency upon the sea. *Fort Astoria*, between 14th and 15th on Exchange Street, established in 1811 by Astor's Pacific Fur Company to become the first permanent American outpost west of the Mississippi.

Other points of interest in and near Astoria include *The Astoria Column*, erected in 1926 atop Coxcomb Hill on a promontory that commands a panoramic view of ocean, river and mountain. The 125-foot tall tower contains a circular stairway to the top and a pictorial frieze on the column commemorating the settlement of the Northwest; *Fishermen's Dock*, an historic fisherman's wharf where the Royal Chinook salmon still reigns king; *The Astoria Maritime Park*, at the foot of 17th Street, with the lightship Columbia on display.

HAMMOND was incorporated in 1899 under the name of New Astoria. But since A. B. Hammond, an early community leader had most of the town's public buildings named after him, voters in a 1915 public election cast their votes in favor of putting a stop to the confusion and named the entire town after him.

Just east of Hammond is the Hvalfangst whaling station, suppliers of whale oil, bioproducts and meat for Northwest mink ranches. Whaling crews are generally active throughout the summer months.

One half mile from Hammond is *Fort Stevens*, built during the 1860's to guard the entrance to the Columbia River. *Battery Russell* at Fort Stevens was the only fortified spot in the United States to be fired upon by the Japanese in World War II.



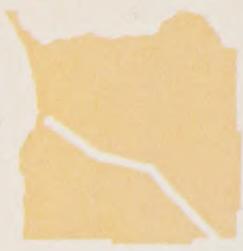
Flavel House, home of the Clatsop County Historical Museum.



A replica of an Indian burial canoe and a rock monument to Chief Concomly of the Chinook Indian tribe are located on Coxcomb Hill near the Astoria Column. Concomly befriended the early settlers.

Astoria harbor—first shipping center in the West.





TRAVEL SUNSET HIGHWAY U.S. 26 TO THE PACIFIC

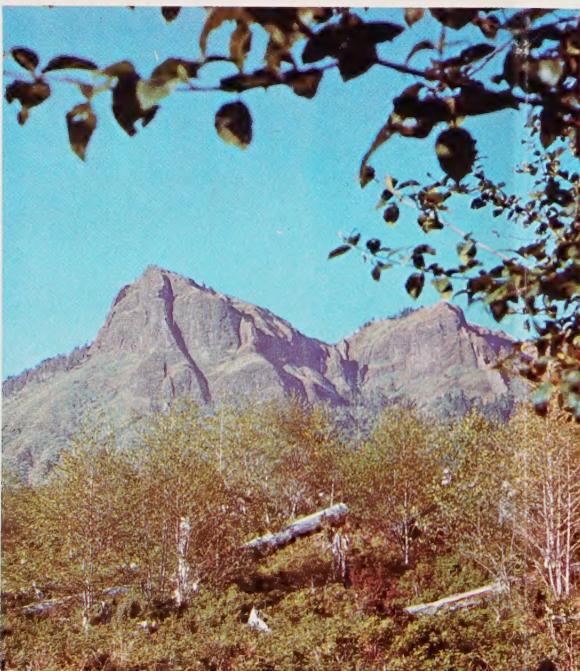
When you're driving in Oregon on Interstate 5, take U.S. 26 from Portland for a colorful drive to Clatsop County and the blue Pacific Ocean.

On Highway 26 you'll enter Clatsop County in the coast range and climb to the summit (elevation 1,635) of this magnificent string of mountains. Then you drive gradually seaward through the beautiful, green rain forests of giant firs and hemlock.

This highway takes you through a portion of the most mammoth reforestation project ever undertaken. This is the famous Tillamook Burn area. You'll see part of the more than 350,000 acres of timberland that were destroyed by uncontrollable forest fires in 1933, 1939, and 1945. This once scorched and barren area has been replanted. It is green and growing now, but memories of fiery holocausts are revived by the blackened spires of charred trees dotting the horizon.

The drive becomes increasingly beautiful as you descend toward Saddle Mountain State Park. You follow the route of Humbug Creek, brush along the banks of the Necanicum River and then arrive at the shores of the majestic Pacific.

Saddle Mountain may be climbed without special equipment. The ascent is invigorating and the view is breathtaking. Camping facilities are available.

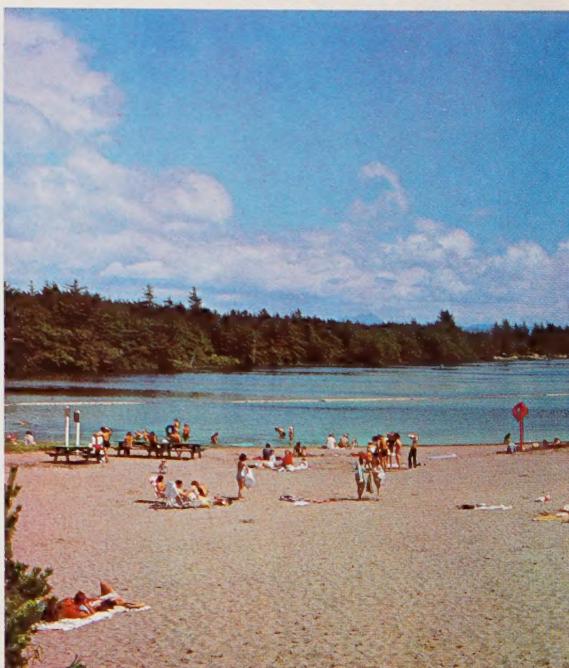


Pleasure craft ride easy in the calm waters of Warrenton's modern public marina.



Located adjacent to Fort Stevens State Park is Battery Russell, the first fortified spot in the Continental United States to be fired upon since the war of 1812. It was shelled by a Japanese submarine in June, 1942.

Coffenbury Lake—Ft. Stevens State Park



TRAVEL CLATSOP COUNTY NORTH TO SOUTH U.S. 101 WARRENTON TO ARCH CAPE

WARRENTON, in 1899, was named for Daniel Knight Warren who owned 160 acres at the present site of the city. His hired Chinese laborers hand-built a dike two and one-half miles long on the Skipanon River, and soon thereafter Warrenton became the thriving fishing community it remains today.

Warrenton is the charter boat center for salmon fishing at the mouth of the Columbia River. Amateur fishermen may board charter ocean trawlers out of Warrenton or Astoria. Rates are reasonable, tackle and instructions are provided and a few fights with battling Chinook or Silver Salmon are almost certain

Visitors are welcome at Warrenton's commercial packing houses where they will be interested in seeing first-hand the care given to the canning, freezing and packaging of crab, salmon, tuna, shrimp and bottom fish.

Fort Stevens State Park, one of the most popular in

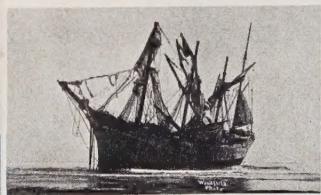
Oregon, is located due west of Warrenton near Hammond.

GEARHART, in 1849, was the home of two adults, four children, four cows, two calves and two American mares. It was the home of the Philip Gearhart farm, and the area remained primarily a farming community until the Gearhart Park Company was formed in 1913 "to establish and maintain a beach resort." Capital stock of \$300,000 was sold and the area did indeed become a beach resort.

Situated just north of Seaside off U.S. Highway 101 on the shores of the Pacific, Gearhart now lures more and more vacationers and conventioners each year with elegant accommodations and excellent restaurants and cocktail lounges. The Gearhart beach is highly acclaimed for its productive surf and dory fishing and clamming. Also of interest to outdoorsmen are Gearhart's 18-hole public golf course, its riding stables and easy access to nearby camping, hunting, fishing and water skiing.

Each summer the Gearhart Rodeo lures capacity crowds.

The wreck of the Peter Iredale may be seen at Fort Stevens State Park. What was once a 2,075-ton British bark was stranded on the beach here during a heavy storm on October 25, 1906 (see inset).

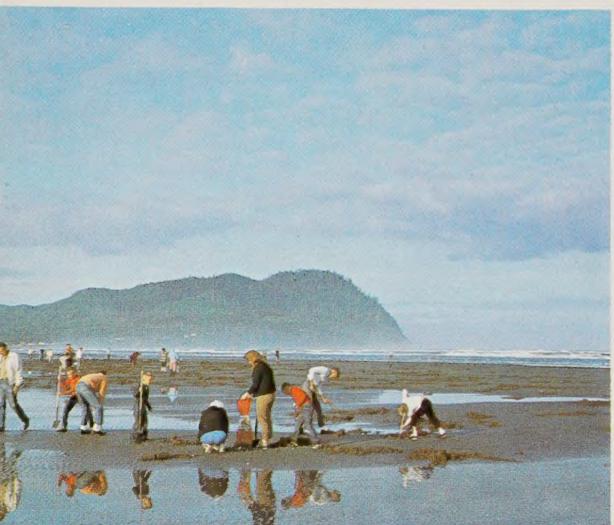




Seaside's famed "Turn-Around" at the end of Broadway Street, is also the end of the famous Lewis and Clark trail.



Each year in July, Oregon's loveliest young ladies compete in the Miss Oregon Pageant in Seaside.



SEASIDE AND CANNON BEACH

SEASIDE, unlike Gearhart, was not at any time intended to be a small, rural farming community. From the day of dynamic Ben Holladay's arrival on the scene in 1871, Seaside was destined to become what it is today: "Oregon's leading resort city by the sea!"

Ben Holladay, shipping magnate, stage coach operator and railroad builder, bought a large land claim and constructed the Seaside House, a famous hotel for which the city was finally named. Holladay's lavish hotel was surrounded by a stable of fine horses, barns and a race track. Cages of wild animals were on display nearby and tame deer wandered the grounds at will.

A trap in the Necanicum River provided fresh fish each day. A flag flew from a flag staff atop the hotel, to be saluted by the firing of cannons aboard Holladay's steamers as they journeyed up and down the coast. Seaside became known as "The Coastal Capital of Oregon." The title still stands.

Seaside today is the largest beach resort city in the Pacific Northwest, offering visitors and conventioners accommodations in close to two hundred motels and hotels, delicious food in a number of restaurants, and nights on the town in a selection of theaters and clubs.

In 1920, Seaside's famed paved Promenade was built. It extends more than 8,000 feet along the city's ocean frontage property. The Prom affords strollers majestic views south to Tillamook Head, east to picturesque Saddle Mountain and west to the blue Pacific.

Driving west on Seaside's Broadway Street, one reaches Seaside's popular ocean-view "Turnaround," a point officially designated as the end of the Lewis and Clark trail. The "Turn-around" is just a few blocks north of the Lewis and Clark salt cairn where, in the winter of 1805-'06, men boiled sea water day and night in a successful effort to keep their Fort Clatsop party provided with salt. The salt cairn has been restored at its original site. Many other points of historical significance are located within the city.

For the recreation-minded, the Seaside area offers all an Oregon coastal community can offer, from surfing and clamping to golfing and horseback riding. If you like your fishing nearby, walk a few blocks to the Necanicum River. It flows practically through the center of Seaside, and produces some of the finest salmon and steelhead fishing in the state.

Clam digging is family fun.

CANNON BEACH takes its name from the cannon, capstan and freeport of the U.S. Schooner Shark, shipwrecked in 1846 and washed ashore where it may be seen now on Highway 101, five miles south of Cannon Beach.

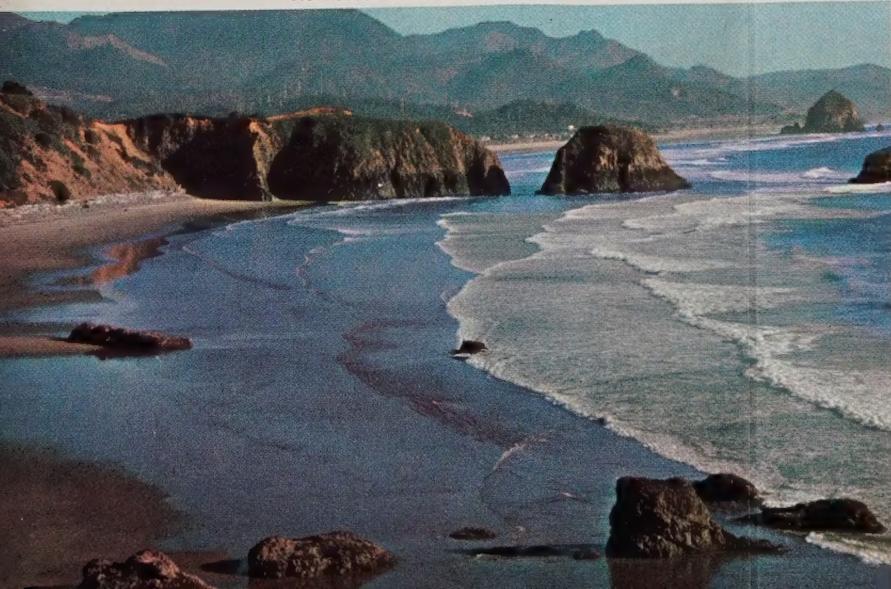
Cannon Beach, too, is a dream come true for the outdoorsman. And for the browser, Haystack Rock, third largest monolith in the world is located here. During low tides Haystack becomes a storehouse that must be inspected. Pools around the rock come alive with starfish, small crabs, sea anemones, jelly fish and other fascinating marine specimens from the depths of the Pacific.

Nearby Ecola Park provides visitors with a breathtaking elevated view of the entire Cannon Beach area. Less than a mile off shore is a rookery of sea lions which can be observed at most seasons. And within the park itself almost tame deer and elk roam at will.

Neahkahnie Mountain is also nearby. According to Indian legend, the crew of a wrecked Spanish galleon buried a treasure on the slopes of this mountain. If the story is true, the treasure is still there. Oregonians have fruitlessly been searching since pioneer days.

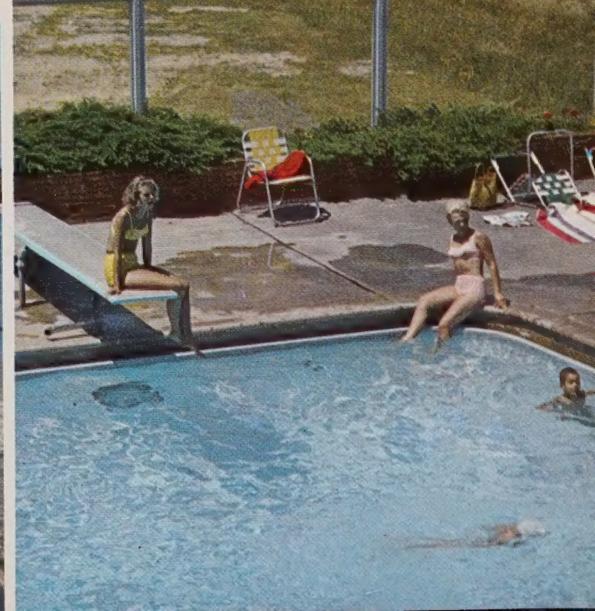
Many motels, a hotel, large trailer park and several good restaurants are located in Cannon Beach. The natural surroundings are beautiful. They came highly recommended by Captain William Clark a century and a half ago.

View south at Ecola State Park.



Cannon Beach was named for the cannon from the U.S. Sloop of War, Shark, which was shipwrecked off the mouth of the Columbia in 1846. The cannon pictured above points the way to the north entrance of the resort area.

Excellent restaurants, motels and hotels are available throughout the county.





More to do in CLATSOP COUNTY

CAMPING AND PICNICKING

FORT STEVENS STATE PARK, located 13 miles west of Astoria off U.S. 101, is one of Oregon's largest and most modern park facilities, 276 overnight campsites and 143 trailer sites surround this popular coastal lake and beach area. The park is equipped with picnic tables, water, comfort stations, electric stoves and fireplaces from early spring through the late fall months. Fort Stevens' Coffenbury Lake provides good fishing and swimming. The ocean beach area is noted for its surf fishing and clamming.

ECOLA STATE PARK extends from Tillamook Head, south of Seaside, to Chapman Point, just north of Cannon Beach. The park has an area of over 1,100 acres, with a shore frontage of six miles. Complete picnic facilities are provided. A breathtaking view is yours to enjoy from eight trail outlooks. Ecola State Park is well known for its beautiful foliage and abundance of wild life.

SADDLE MOUNTAIN STATE PARK is located just off U.S. 26, approximately eight miles northeast of the Necanicum Junction. Six overnight campsites are provided with picnic facilities and one of Oregon's most outstanding ocean views. A trail may be safely climbed to the top of Saddle Mountain. Special equipment is not required.

BRADLEY STATE PARK is 22 miles east of Astoria on U.S. 30. The park's picnic facilities include water, electric stoves, fireplaces and tables.

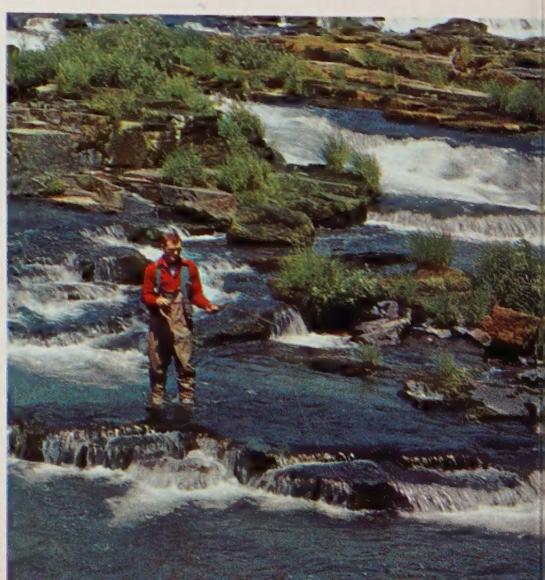
OSWALD WEST STATE PARK on U.S. 101, 10 miles south

of Cannon Beach, is the county's second largest park with 21 large overnight campsites. The park is noted for excellent ocean and stream fishing. A number of trails lead visitors to breathtaking viewpoints. All camping facilities, including picnic tables, electric stoves, comfort stations and water are provided. Guests may use the camping facilities at Oswald West for a period of up to one week for which nominal fees are charged.

SPRUCE RUN PARK is located on the lower Nehalem River approximately six miles southwest of Elsie. The 52-acre park has 38 picnic tables, six fire pits, 20 tent or trailer sites, six pit toilets and hand-pumped water for drinking purposes. Hunting, fishing, hiking and swimming are enjoyed by visitors to Spruce Run Park.

CULLABY LAKE PARK, situated on the west side of Cullaby Lake, between Seaside and Astoria on Highway 101, comprises 180 acres. Picnic tables, fire pits, drinking water taps, and pit toilets are provided. Overnight camping is not permitted. The park has a total of four boat launching ramps. The lake is a favorite of fishing, swimming and water skiing enthusiasts.

YOUNG'S RIVER FALLS PARK, located on Young's River Loop Road, approximately 15 miles south of Astoria. The 10-acre park has picnic tables, fire pits, pit toilets and drinking water. Overnight camping is not allowed but visitors will enjoy the daytime activities that include fishing, hiking and swimming.





FISHING

Fishing is abundant in Clatsop County. You have your choice of fishing for chinook, silver salmon or battling steelhead (sea-going trout)—or cutthroat, rainbow trout, bass, crappie, bluegill, warmouth, or sturgeon—or a wide variety of surf fishes. The following is a partial listing of Clatsop County's 22 lakes, rivers and streams: COFFENBURY LAKE: 50 acres in Fort Stevens State Park. Boat launching, camping, best fishing in spring and early summer. CULLABY LAKE: 200 acres off Highway 101, seven miles north of Seaside. County park provides boat launching, boat rental and moorage, fair to good fishing all seasons. SUNSET LAKE: Turn west off Highway 101 at Sunset Beach junction to this 175-acre county park. Boat launching, boat rentals. Best angling in June and July. COLUMBIA RIVER: Largest and best fishing river in Clatsop County flows along entire northern county line from Westport to Hammond. Charter boats available at Astoria and Warrenton. Excellent for chinook and silver salmon, steelhead, cutthroat trout and sturgeon. Sea perch, flounder, kelp bass and ling cod fishing good off Columbia jetty. BIG CREEK: Flows into Columbia about three miles east of Svensen. Small but a good salmon, steelhead and cutthroat stream. NECANICUM RIVER: Popular trout stream enters Pacific ocean at Seaside. Excellent cutthroat fishing, good seasonal salmon and steelhead stream. NEHALEM RIVER: Large stream located south of Elsie. Extremely good winter steelhead fishing. SURF FISHING: Good in a number of areas from the COLUMBIA jetty south.



HUNTING

Starting in the fall season, Clatsop County becomes a paradise for game and fowl hunters. DEER SEASON generally opens near the 1st of October and lasts four weeks. ELK HUNTING is usually enjoyed the entire month of November, immediately after the closing of deer season. Most of the big ones are taken early in the season at higher altitudes. ARCHERY HUNTING for deer and elk commences on January 1 and lasts until April 15. Experienced archers score well, generally when freezing weather has forced the game down to Clatsop County's lower agricultural areas. BEAR HUNTING is open year 'round in Clatsop County. Bear are generally taken at mid-range where the county's wild berry patches prosper. DUCK, PHEASANT, QUAIL, GROUSE, DOVE, PIGEON and BLACK BRANT HUNTING begin at varying times in the early to middle fall months and extend through the early or middle winter months. Mallard Ducks, most popular of the game fowl, are taken at a number of Clatsop County lakes, rivers and streams. Ring-neck Pheasants and Mountain Valley Quail are found most often in the lower agricultural areas. Black Brant hunting is best at tidal water areas.

CLAMMING

Delicious razor clams are available along the sandy beaches from the Columbia jetty south to Tillamook Head. Best clam digging is had on the outgoing minus tides.

GOLFING

Two public golf courses and one private club are located in Clatsop County. The 18-hole ASTORIA Golf and Country Club was established in the 1920's and has been favorably compared with some famous courses in England and Scotland. Located nine miles north of Seaside off Highway 101, and offers guest privileges.

The once private GEARHART 18-hole course is now open to the public. Gearhart's soil base absorbs moisture rapidly, making this course ideal for year 'round play.

SEASIDE'S nine-hole golf course was also established in the 1920's. This well-manicured course is laid out gracefully within view of the Pacific Ocean.

SURFING

Visitors to Clatsop County must meet three requirements to surf. They must be good swimmers. They must have good balance. They must enjoy cavorting in rather cool water—or own good wet suits. Join the surfers during an incoming tide at the cove area just north of Tillamook Head at Seaside, at Indian Beach in Ecola State Park, or at Short Sands beach in Oswald West State Park.

AIRPORT FACILITIES

ASTORIA-SEASIDE AIRPORT: Located three miles southwest of Astoria. Elevation 11'; latitude, 46°09'; longitude, 123°52'. Features runway of over 4,000 feet surfaced with asphalt and concrete, traffic indicator, runway beacon, communications system, full-time attendant, fuel, repairs, storage hangers, tie-downs. West Coast Airlines provides daily service. For weather information, phone 921-4131 in Astoria.

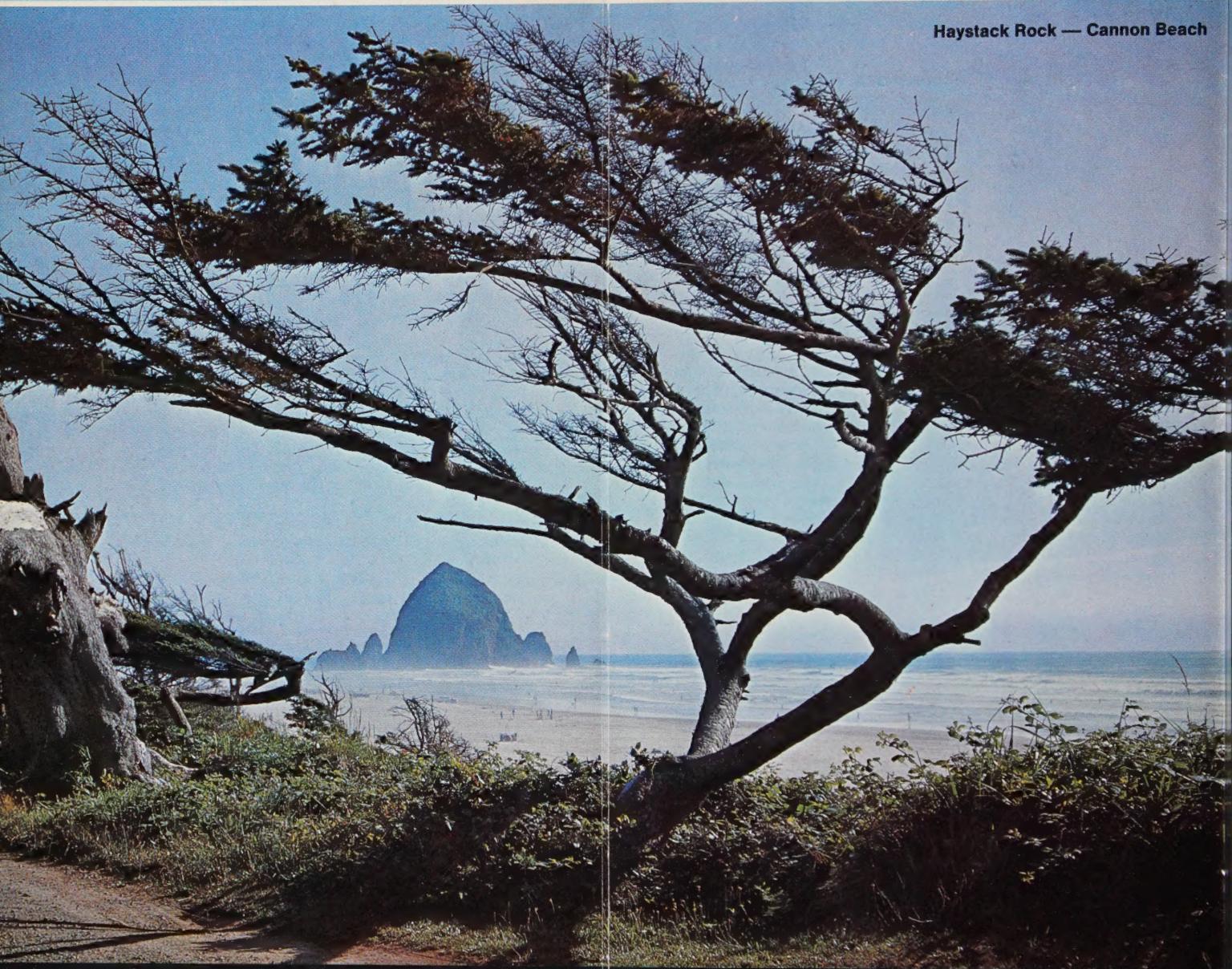
SEASIDE-GEARHART AIRPORT: Located 1 mile northeast of Seaside. Elevation, 8'; latitude, 46°01'; longitude, 123°54'. Features 2,350-foot paved landing strip with parallel paved trainway and parking area, night landing lights, rotating beacon, tie-downs to handle 40 aircraft. For weather information, phone 861-2722 in Astoria or 738-5511 in Seaside.



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